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FARM LABOR FACT SHEET. . . . Farm labor facts and conditions as of May 1 are described in a 4-page fact sheet being prepared for distribution the week of May 6. One-page revisions of this complete fact sheet will be issued to bring labor facts up to date as of June 1, August 1, September 1, also July 1, if conditions warrant.

Copies of the 14-page circular on the 1946 Farm Labor Information Program, entitled "Why, What, When, How," may be obtained from the Division of Extension Information in Washington. This contains facts and suggestions for the information job this year. The fact that 500 copies of the circular were requested for Iowa indicates that Iowans are going to make a maximum effort to recruit the seasonal labor they need among their own people this year. This line of action is being encouraged by farm labor people of the Department as one means of solving difficult 1946 farm labor problems. The general policy is to shift the entire seasonal farm labor job back to domestic labor.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . April 24, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported the second deficiency appropriation bill, which includes items for insect investigations, insect and plant disease control, rehabilitation of forest recreational areas, water facilities, and the agricultural conservation program. The Senate Finance Committee reported a bill to authorize the Department to inspect materials used in processed or renovated butter. April 26, the Senate passed the second deficiency appropriation bill. April 29, the Senate passed a bill to amend the Trading with the Enemy Act to permit shipment of relief supplies. The Senate Finance Committee reported a bill to decrease the United States debt limit to 275 billion dollars. April 30, the President approved the Philippine trade bill and a bill transferring fur bearing animal activities from the Interior Department to USDA.

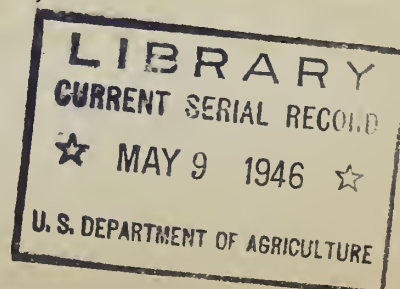
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PERSONNEL NEWS. . . . W. Carrol Hunter, former assistant solicitor, appointed SOLICITOR of USDA, succeeding Robt. H. Shields * * * * *
S. W. Tator, former Boston milk market administrator, appointed DIRECTOR of PMA DAIRY BRANCH, succeeding Tom G. Stitts, recently resigned * * * * *
H. F. Shambarger of USDA appointed DIRECTOR PMA FISCAL BRANCH and TREASURER of CCC, succeeding C. G. Garman, resigned * * * * * Don S. Anderson, of the College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, will rejoin staff of PMA DAIRY BRANCH as an ASSISTANT DIRECTOR about May 15.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON will speak May 8 in Cleveland, Miss., before the Delta Council.

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LEST YOU FORGET radio programs featuring HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK, May 5-12, the complete radio schedule follows:

May 4, NBC, 12:15 p.m., EST,*dramatized show on the Consumer Time program.

May 5, CBS, 8:30 a.m. EST,* County Journal of the Air. Program will include a 4-minute interview with Mrs. John Middleton, home demonstration club member of Herndon, Va.

May 5, NBC, 12 noon, EST,* Voice of the Dairy Farmer program. Everett Mitchell will interview Mrs. Floyd Ribordy of LaPorte County, Ind., wife of a dairy farmer.

May 6, NBC, 8:00 p.m., EST,* DuPont's Cavalcade of America, will include a plug for the home demonstration program.

May 11, ABC, American Farmer program, 12:30 p.m., EST,* will include a cross-country pick-up of 3-minute talks by four farm women: Mesdames Ivan Bryden, Walton, N. Y.; Edward Bricher, Batavia, Ill.; Andrew Barnett, Eaton, Colo.; and P. T. Gregory, Shawboro, N. C.

May 11, NBC, Farm and Home Hour, 1:00 p.m. EST,* will include a 5-minute interview with Mrs. George Pitts, Healdsburg, Calif.

*Because of changes to daylight saving time in various sections of the country, consult your local newspaper or broadcasting stations for exact time of these programs.

The four home demonstration club members who, with Secretary Anderson, will speak at the Washington luncheon meeting May 6 in observance of the Week are: Mesdames Homer J. Remsberg, Middleton, Md.; A. B. Engleman, Fredericks Hall, Va.; E. S. Studebaker, Tipp City, Ohio; and William Hamilton, Somerville, N. J. Among those who will attend this luncheon meeting are top officials of the Department, representatives of various women's organizations, and representative home demonstration club members and home demonstration agents.

A pictorial exhibit built around the theme for Home Demonstration Week, Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World, will be displayed in the Patio of the USDA Administration Building in Washington, May 6 through May 10. It will feature typical activities of home demonstration women through the Nation.

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NEWS NUBBINS from here and there * * * * Nitrogen fertilizers may become critically short because of coal strikes (most of the ammonium sulphate used in nitrogen fertilizers is a by-product of coke plants) * * * * Crates and boxes needed to handle perishable foods are restricted by shortage of necessary materials; (most food container and packaging materials are) extremely short and future supplies uncertain * * * * USDA had sold as of April 1, 46,322 of the some 288,000 acres classified as surplus farm land-- 5,424 acres to 38 veterans.

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SOME USDA RELEASES. . . . USDA program to increase cotton exports to be continued through June 30, 1947--892; Farmers respond enthusiastically to USDA corn purchase program offering 30-cent bonus--891; W. Carroll Hunter named USDA Solicitor--893; Red sour cherry set-aside order WFO 133 terminated--909; Corn loans called as of May 1 to help food situation--910; Courtney C. Brown to assist Chester C. Davis, replacing Alfred D. Stedman--911; Basic USDA food conservation guide--914; Butter set aside announced--931. Plentiful proteins (from Food and Home Notes for May 1)--887; Dried milk set aside announced--942; Distillers grain use cut to 3 days in May--936; Cheddar cheese set aside announced--943; Chester C. Davis, Chairman of President's Famine Emergency Committee, foresees continuing world food shortages--944; USDA to continue cash food purchases for foreign countries--947; Dairy production payments increased through May and June--954; U. S. to export cotton to Germany--952; and the following speeches and statements by Department officials:

* Ass't Secretary Brannan testified April 25 in favor of national *
* health legislation--886; Secretary Anderson's April 25 statement *
* on April 1 stocks of wheat--(complete statement in Daily Summary *
* No. 890); Report on wheat, April 27 broadcast by Secretary Anderson *
* --915; Restoring Self-sustaining Agriculture, Secretary Anderson *
* before Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, April 30--921; Secretary *
* Anderson's statement May 1, before the Senate Banking and Currency *
* Committee on the extension of price control legislation--938. *
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PLANS FOR THE 4-H CLUB CAMP, June 11 to 18, in Washington, are being completed. This, the 16th National 4-H Club Camp, is the first to be held in 5 years because of the war. The theme for this year's camp is "4-H in a Changing World," and the aim, to learn more about our Federal government. Under the supervision of the USDA extension services, the 4-H delegates and State extension agents accompanying them will study how our national government functions and confer together on developing strong rural leadership and a richer rural life. Each State, and Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, may send two 4-H Club leaders, two 4-H Club boys, and two 4-H Club girls.

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EARLY POTATOES, FISH are among the abundant foods that should be pushed. April stocks of frozen fish are the largest in history and a record-breaking 1946 catch is in prospect. (See fact sheet on fresh frozen fish attached to Famine Campaign Roundup No. 6). A fact sheet on early potatoes is being prepared for release soon.

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GEO. F. ROWE, Special Assistant to the Director of Information in charge of of special campaigns, USDA, is resigning as of May 8 to become public relations executive for the Dairy Industries Supply Association, Albee Bldg., Washington, D. C. Mr. Rowe has been with the Department for the past six years.

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SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS. . . . Five more research achievement sheets prepared by ARA brings their total to 55. Recent accomplishments in agricultural research are described in the sheets briefly as follows:

- 51 (P) Profitable new cash crop introduced in Calif. and Ariz.--how flaxseed production was established in these States.
- 52 (C) Large-scale use of penicillin made possible by agricultural research.
- 53 (A) Morgan breed of horses perpetuated and developed.
- 54 (A) Domestic production of Persian lamb fur increased.
- 55 (P) Continuous submergence controls weeds in Calif. rice fields.

Copies of these new research sheets may be obtained from the Coordinator of Research Publications, ARA.

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FACTS ON FOOD AROUND THE GLOBE are contained in Our Hungry World, a 41-page information piece just processed, primarily for use in the Famine Emergency Campaign. Food facts in countries where the situation is critical and information on the key commodities, wheat, rice, sugar, meats, and fats and oils, are contained in the booklet. This piece is based on the OFAR report issued earlier this year called "World Food Situation-1946." Single copies of the booklet may be obtained from the Office of Information.

RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . The Home Demonstration Agent, Misc. Pub. No. 602, 38 p.; Bibliography on Cork Oak, Bibliographical Bulletin No. 7, 66 p.; Methyl Bromide as a Delousing Agent, Circ. No. 745, 40 p.

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